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The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
S.W.1.

4 September, 1947.

My dear Beith,

I enclose a copy of a cable from Washington addressed to the Prime Minister about the proposed confiscation of some land near Yavne, which is intended for the site of a children's colony, sponsored by a group of Americans.

The Palestine Government have been approached on the subject and have replied as follows:- "W.D. had proposed to requisition site of this intended colony as part of military training area. It has now been agreed that site should be excluded from area."

If you agree, perhaps you would ask the Washington Embassy, if they see no objection, to inform the people concerned accordingly. I should add that the cable was referred to us by No.10 Downing Street "for such action as considered appropriate".

Yours.

John Higham
(J.D. Higham)

J.G.S. BEITH, ESQ.

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REVEREND ANGUS DUN BISHOP OF WASHINGTON
HONORARY CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON COLONY
HONORABLE SOL BLOOM UNITED STATES CONGRESS
CHAIRMAN WASHINGTON COLONY RABBI ZEMACH
GREEN PRESIDENT WASHINGTON COLONY *

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C/ to Paul (95)

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To
Washington Blaney
from
Eastern Dept

copy to:
Mr. Higham (c.o.)

Dear Blaney,

We enclose a copy of a telegram addressed to the Prime Minister by the Bishop of Washington and others, complaining of the alleged confiscation of some land near YAVNE in Palestine, which is intended for the site of a children's colony sponsored by certain U.S. citizens.

2. The Govt. of Palestine, who have been consulted on this subject, have explained that

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